



## DECLARATION

This application is a Continuation-in-Part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/724,466, filed October 1, 1996, which is a Continuation-in-Part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/667,546, filed June 21, 1996.

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### Retinoid Metabolizing Protein

as set forth in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/882,164, filed June 25, 1997.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and in particular information which has occurred between the filing date of our earlier application(s) and the filing date of this application.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

#### *Prior Foreign Application(s)*

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority <u>Claimed</u> [ ] [X] Yes No

We hereby claim internal priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any U.S. application(s) for patent listed below and have also identified below any U.S. application(s) for patent having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.



***Prior U.S. Application(s)***

			<u>Priority</u>
			<u>Claimed</u>
<u>08/667,546</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>21 June 1996</u>	<u>[X] [ ]</u>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes No
			<u>Priority</u>
			<u>Claimed</u>
<u>08/724,466</u>	<u>United States</u>	<u>01 October 1996</u>	<u>[X] [ ]</u>
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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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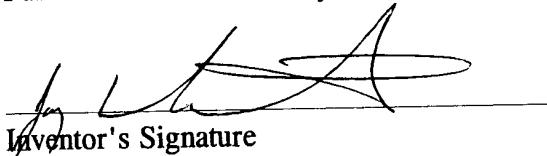


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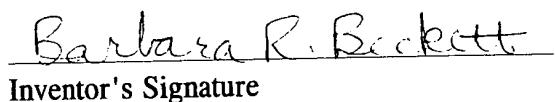


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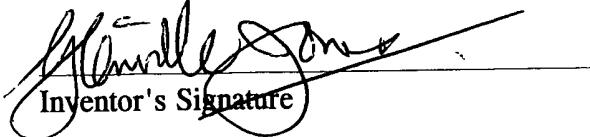


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